

# STRENGTH THROUGH UNITY

## SCENARIO ASL TAC 51

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**VICTORY CONDITIONS:** The Belgians win at game end if they have 10 VPs of GO units on/east of hexrow CC.

### OOSTROZEBEKE, BELGIUM, 26 May 1940:

At the end of May 1940, the Belgian army was in dire straits and backed into the western part of the country. However, the German advance was anything but a cakewalk. The Lys river line was stubbornly defended by Belgian troops whose zeal was reminiscent of their fathers' 25 years earlier on the Yser. Near Oostrozebeke, the Germans managed to penetrate the 8<sup>th</sup> division's front. They used civilians as human shields and infiltrated through grain which was already tall enough to provide cover. Infantrymen of the 21<sup>st</sup> Line Regiment fell back and fought side by side with the gunners of the 5<sup>th</sup> Artillery who had to blow up their own guns. Major Leclercq, commanding officer of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the 21<sup>st</sup>, decided to counter-attack with a combined force of infantrymen, gunners and engineers. At 1830, the bugles signaled the charge.

### BOARD PLACEMENT:



(Only hexrows R to GG are in play)

### BALANCE:

- ☉ In the Victory Conditions, replace 10 VP with 8 VP.

- ☙ Add two 1S Foxholes to the German OB.

☙ GERMAN sets up first	1	2	3	4	5	END
☉ BELGIAN move first						



Elements of 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 455<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment [ELR:3]  
set up on/between hexrows V and X {SAN: 3}

4-6-7	2-4-7	8-1	7-0	5-12	3-8	50 * [2-13]
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Elements of 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 21<sup>st</sup> Line Regiment, of 4<sup>th</sup> Group,  
5<sup>th</sup> Artillery Regiment and of 10<sup>th</sup> Engineers Regiment. [ELR:3]  
enter on Turn 1 on the west edge {SAN: 2}

4-5-7	4-3-7	9-2	8-0	4-11	50 * [4-14]
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### SSR:

- EC are Moderate with no wind at start. Bore Sighting and Kindling are NA.
- Grain is in season

**AFTERMATH:** The officers moved daringly ahead of their men to lead them forward. Captain-commandant Renkin, cane in hand, gave direction to the mixed formation. Despite murderous enemy fire, the Belgians advanced some 700m and pushed back the Germans, forcing them to defend themselves. No fewer than 46 of the advancing men were killed, including Renkin. By nightfall, the overall situation forced the Belgians to relinquish the ground they had just recaptured. Major Leclercq ordered that arms be presented to the fallen: once united in action, they were now united in death.